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LOCAL EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINS

INITIAL MEETING OF THE "CENTRAL PLAINS ASSOCIATION"
ELECT OFFICERS FOR FIRST YEAR

TWO DAYS SESSION GREATLY ENJOYED BY MEMBERS

Address of Welcome by Jno. W. Baker, of Lubbock, and Response by Mrs. Claxton, of Hale Center. Work of Local Chapter Praised by Visitors. A Number of Candidates Received.

The following communication was handed us for publication concerning the Eastern Star meeting that was held in Lubbock last week, which explains itself:

To the members of the O. E. S. and the Central Plains:

In response to the call of our D. D. G. M., Mrs. Rebecca Robinson, a number of delegates met in the magnificent Masonic hall of Lubbock, February 13th and 14th, 1912.

R. W. Lemond, P. G. P., being called to the chair and after the purposes of the convention were announced, the following committees was appointed on credentials: Mrs. Coleman, of Plainview, No. 37; Mrs. Richmond, Jessie No. 76; Mrs. Claxton, Lemond, No. 38.

On permanent organization and by-laws: Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Pipkin and Mrs. Taylor.

The credential committee reported the following delegates entitled to votes: R. W. Lemond and Cornelia Claxton, of Lemond No. 38, Hale Center; Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Pipkin, of Plainview, No. 37; Mrs. Ella B. Starks and Mrs. Ruth Green, Floydada No. 31, Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Towle of Jessie No. 76, Lubbock. Estacado was also represented.

The committee on organization and by-laws reported as follows:

The association shall be styled "The Central Plains School of Instruction, O. E. S. with the following officers and members: President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Instructor and Critic.

The following were elected and qualified: Mrs. Ella McWhorter, of Plainview, President; Mrs. Janie Taylor, of Lubbock, Vice President; Mrs. Ella B. Starks, of Floydada, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Cornelia Lemond Claxton, Hale Center, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Rebecca Robinson, Lubbock, Instructor; R. W. Lemond, Hale Center, Critic; and the three principal officers of each chapter in the district under the direction of the instructor. A number of classes with teachers were formed and proceeded to impart the secret work. The time was profitably spent till 8:30 Wednesday evening when Jessie Chapter exemplified the work by initiating two candidates.

It has been my good fortune to see the work exemplified by the Grand Chapter of Texas, many times, but can truthfully say that I have never seen it better done, than by Jessie No. 76. The credit for which we understand is largely due to special Grand Deputy, Mrs. Robinson.

After this Mrs. Claxton, of Hale Center, favored us with a song entitled, "The Eastern Star" by P. E. Baer, which has been dedicated to R. W. Lemond.

The delegates and visitors were then welcomed to Lubbock by John W. Baker, in the following characteristic manner:

"Sister Worthy Matron, sisters and brothers: It is indeed a pleasure to speak to you to night but I shall be very brief, as it has grown quite late, and I am sure the next 'course' will be appreciated just now, more than anything I might say.

"If one could not make a speech after seeing and hearing the degree put on in the excellent manner our people have put it on, and listening to the song that has just been so beautifully sung, he would be in a hard strait, for these have certainly been an inspiration to us all. "Yesterday at noon I was asked to deliver an address of welcome to the visiting representatives to our city, but at this late hour it will be a good bye rather than a welcome.

You have already been entertained and had our hospitality extended to you, and know whether or not you are welcome in our fair city, and I am sure you have been made to feel that you were quite welcome, for above everything our people pride themselves on their hospitality.

"I do not know just what to say.

"If I could sing as beautifully as Mrs. Claxton and 'run out' of something to say I could sing you a song and you would be pleased and entertained.

"I might sing you a solo and sing it so low you could not hear it and get excused.

"I trust however, that I shall not get proud of my speech and get in the dilemma that brother Lemond got into yesterday afternoon.

"Brother Lemond had been elected to preside, and was delivering one of his very best speeches, which was a great one and he knew he was giving us something truly great, and was expecting several hearty amens, when at the very height of one of his flights of matchless oratory, he fervently exclaimed: 'We need to put more devotion and energy into our work. One of the great evils of our people of the Central South Plains, is we do not put enough energy into our work.' And just at that point he thought he heard an amen, and joyfully exclaimed: 'Oh I got one amen,' but the sister corrected him and said she just said 'the men,' which was quite a blow to brother Lemond.

"Lubbock feels highly honored and especially does Jessie Chapter, in having the initial meeting in the organization of this convention held in our midst.

"We are always honored by having with us brother Lemond who knows all about Eastern Star Masonry.

"We feel honored in having these special Deputies under the

Grand Lodge, namely, Mrs. McWhorter, Mrs. Claxton and Mrs. Robinson, taking part in three deliberations.

"We deem it a great privilege to be honored with this convention and trust we have merited your approbation in the manner we have cared for you.

"This is an age of fraternalism. A great wave of fraternalism is sweeping over our country, and I am glad we have a place in our order for our women and they are certainly acquitting themselves creditably as evidenced by the manner in which the Degree has been conferred to night.

"All of those present, except the two candidates have seen this Degree conferred many times, but I am sure we have gotten new and lofty ideas, better and higher conceptions of life by being here tonight than we ever had before.

"But I must not spend so much time eulogizing my own home people.

"I could not avail myself of the opportunity offered during this meeting to learn more of Eastern Star Masonry, but, I am sure those of you who did, have learned much that will make you better members.

"In concluding let me repeat that we feel honored in having had you with us, and trust that as you go to to your homes that we may be remembered kindly by you, for the manner in which we cared for you.

"I thank you." Mrs. Claxton responded to the address of welcome in the following language:

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME

"Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Ladies, Gentleman and—Masons: (Laughter.)

"You have just been entertained by one of Lubbock's nappiest orators and I feel that I am at a disadvantage, first, because I belong to that humble sex, that is not expected to speak 'in public on the stage.' Second, because of natural timidity and lack of preparation.

"However, we want these good people of Lubbock to know that we enjoy being with them, appreciate their efforts to make this a successful and pleasant convention and are heartily grateful to our hospitable brother for his gracious words of welcome.

"Now, we are here for the benefit of a woman's organization and of course no greater incentive could be offered us for earnest endeavor, for of all who have been blessed in this world, none surpass that of woman-kind, for, has she not been lifted from abject slavery to perfect freedom, through the birth of that Divine Child for whom the wise men followed the great Eastern Star, the fitting and sacred emblem of our own order?

"It has been beautifully said of women that she was 'Last at the Cross and first at the tomb of our Savior,' and surely her smiles and tears form a rainbow of promise to dispel the clouds that may threaten to disturb our peace and harmony. But in our eulogy of women we must not forget the noble brothers, who have laid the foundations of the fine principles of this order and without whom we would be like a ship adrift at sea.

"To them all honor and respect, they are wise and strong and kind, but bless their dear hearts how they amuse us at times.

"They'll climb a tree to get the ripest fruit, when if they would wait long enough the fruit would fall of itself; they will go to war to kill each other, when, if

they would only be patient, they would die naturally; and, most amusing of all they will run after women, when if they would not do so, women would be sure to run after them. (Laughter and applause.)

Now, sisters and brothers, I hope we have done some good work and have been of some help to you, and that you will not be like a certain sister, who, when asked to leave the room that we might practice the secret work, replied that there was no danger of her 'catching on' to to anything as she had heard it a hundred and fifty times and had never learned enough to prove herself a member. (Laughter.)

"I think Jessie Chapter, No. 76, deserves much credit for the perfection of the opening services. I have never seen the opening in better form outside of the Grand Chapter.

"Pardon me, I'm afraid to make this speech too long. My sister Mrs. McWhorter, evidently agrees with Mr. Baker that I can sing better than I can talk, she used a story to illustrate her intention if I made a 'botch' of this speech.

"She said that 'once upon a time there was a man who loved two women, one very beautiful and the other very the reverse, but with a beautiful voice. He feared the beauty would fade, so took the singer. But one day he came in unexpectedly and found her asleep, he was horrified to see how really ugly she was, rushed to her and shaking her violently exclaimed for God's sake wake up and sing.' (Laughter) So for fear I'll be interrupted and with many thanks for your kind attention will finish with a toast."

"Here's to God's first thought—man
Here's to God's second thought—woman

As the second thought is always the best
Here's to woman."

The ladies then served refreshments, dainty and appetizing.

To say that we were delightfully and royally entertained at Lubbock, is expressing it moderately. We hope to be invited again.

A DELEGATE.

E. L. Dalton, civil engineer of Dallas, Texas, and Eugene Campbell, at present construction superintendent of the sewer works at Lubbock, were in the city Monday, conferring with the city officials relative to some necessary improvements to be made on the local sewer system. Complaints have been made for the past year by the residents of the east part of town on account of the foul scent that emanates from the city's septic tanks. Improvements have been made from time to time to remedy this, but so far they have been unsuccessful. Further efforts will be put forth in the near future. —Hale County Herald.

R. W. Heim received a message from relatives in Stamford this week that his mother was stricken with paralysis and is not expected to recover. This is the second stroke, and all hope of her recovery has been abandoned. She is now something over seventy years of age. Mr. Heim and other relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their hour of anxiety and sorrow.

A groom of only three weeks died at Amarillo Monday from the effects of swallowing a phial of carbolic acid. It is a mystery to all who were acquainted with his life and family relations to know the reason for such a rash act.

HEAVY SNOW STORM TUESDAY

ENTIRE PANHANDLE AND SOUTH PLAINS COUNTRY WEARS
MANTLE OF WHITE

STORM IS FOLLOWED BY BEAUTIFUL WEATHER

Puts Good Season in the Ground—Fine for Farmers, and Ranchmen are Not Injured in the Least—Railroad Traffic Hindered.

Tuesday morning about 3:00 o'clock the wind came down on Lubbock from the north and continued till about day break when clouds appeared and fine rain began to sprinkle down a little later turning to hard dry snow. About eight o'clock the storm struck us in earnest. The wind blew and the snow came down thick and fast from that hour till about one o'clock. The high wind which accompanied the snow caused it to drift about to such an extent that it is hard to determine with any degree of accuracy the amount that fell, but a conservative estimate we believe would be between five and six inches. The storm was followed Wednesday by fine weather and the snow is melting fast.

From reports that come to us over the Panhandle and Plains country generally, it appears that the entire country has received a good soaking again.

This puts a good season in the ground which is welcomed by the farmer, while there was still plenty of moisture in the ground for general farming, still the moisture of this spell will be an advantage. The land that had already been turned will be the better off and sod breaking will be extended still further into the season. The season will be a blessing to the ranchmen too, for it will insure early grass and coming as it did will not hurt the stock to any great extent. North of here there has been some delay of railroad traffic but in this section the traffic has not been interfered with and the trains have been making it to Lubbock as regularly as common.

CONDITIONS AT AMARILLO

Snow which began falling Monday evening and continuing until Tuesday afternoon, measures approximately eight and one-half inches on the level in Amarillo and throughout the Panhandle country, drifts being shown to various depths, according to the depression, from two to ten feet and completely blocking all street and railway service.

Street traffic, such as delivery of groceries and other wares, was abandoned through the forenoon, and resumed only in the most extreme cases in the afternoon. A number of the leading business houses did not bring out their delivery traps, and but little or no cab service was offered for the greater part of the day. Only those persons appeared on the streets who felt that their business demanded their attention, and traffic in all lines was greatly curtailed.

Trains entering the city in the forenoon were not permitted to proceed, and at other points service was curtailed. It is expected that if no renewal of the fall occurs, activity will be shown today in clearing the tracks and making a start of-

forts needed to restore the schedule.

Heavy winds carried the snow in almost blinding sheets from the breaking of the storm until it ceased in the afternoon, rendering progress on the streets and sidewalks not only uncertain, but painful and tedious as well.

Reports from all sections of the Panhandle bring information of the generality of the precipitation, and all the farming population is rejoicing over the thoroughness of the seasons that mean so much to the wheat growers of the Plains country. This precipitation, it is said, will supply water for the lakes and ponds and assure the livestock against a shortage in the summer. —Amarillo Daily News.

HEAVY AT PLAINVIEW

Plainview, Tex., Feb. 20.—A soggy snow, accompanied by a driving north wind, has been falling a portion of the night and all day. The temperature, however, is well above freezing, and the snow melts as it falls. It has already amounted to several inches of precipitation, it is thought, and the farmers are delighted as the fall will be beneficial to wheat, oats and alfalfa, and will add to the already excellent condition of the soil for the planting of all crops. A cold snap will also set back the injudicious ambitions of the fruit trees, and will not injure the livestock, as they are fat, and the feed is plentiful and cheap. From present indications, 1912 will treat the farmers and stockmen of the Plains even better than did 1911, which was as seasonable, perhaps, as any year this country has experienced.

GOOD SEASON AT POST

Post City, Tex., Feb. 20.—It has been snowing in Post City all morning, and the ground is almost covered. It will meet the season already in the ground and do much to encourage the farmers in planting big crops.

For Justice of The Peace

In this issue will be found the announcement of J. D. Caldwell for the office of Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Caldwell is better known by the majority of the people in Lubbock County than the editor of the Avalanche knows him. He was here many years before the Avalanche, and knows this country like a book.

He will no doubt make a good officer, if the people see fit to elect him. He will see the voters of this precinct personally before the primary and present his claims.

R. G. Way recently purchased one of the Bledsoe houses in the McWhorter and Roberts Addition and moved it to a position west of the High School building and is now occupying same, having moved his family into it this week.